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WARNING LETTER

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jack Malott, M.D.
Director of Radiology
University Hospital, Inc.
Breast Imaging Center
234 Goodman Ave..
Cincinnati, OH 45267-0772

Facility I.D.#: 144626

Dear Dr. Malott:

A representative from the State of Ohio radiation control program under contract to the Food and Drug Administration inspected your facility on November 16, 1999. This inspection revealed that your facility failed to comply with the Quality Standards for Mammography (Standards) as specified in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 900.12, as follows:

Your standard operating procedures are inadequate for your facility in communicating to the patients the results of their mammograms. Your standard operating procedures fail to indicate that the serious or highly suggestive for malignancy mammography results will be communicated in a lay summary report to each patient. This shall be performed in addition to your practice of verbally informing the patient of the serious or highly suggestive for malignancy mammography results. **21 CFR 900.12(e)(1)**

The specific deficiency noted above appeared under the Level 1 heading on your MQSA Facility Inspection Report, which was issued at the close of the inspection. This deficiency may be symptomatic of serious underlying problems that could compromise the quality of mammography at your facility.

In addition, your response should address the Level 2 noncompliance items that were listed on the inspection report provided to you at the close of the inspection. These Level 2 noncompliance items are:

1. Your records did not demonstrate that your medical physicist perform the artifact evaluation procedure as part of the annual survey on the mammography unit located in room 3027, Siemens Medical Systems. **21 CFR 900.12(e)(9)**

2. Your records indicated that the required annual medical physicist surveys were conducted on the mammography units in rooms 3026, 3032, and 3029 greater than 14 months. **21 CFR 900.12(e)(9)**

The other items listed in your November 16, 1999 inspection report identified, as Level 3 should also be corrected. We will verify correction of these items during our next inspection. You are not required to address the Level 3 items in your written response.

It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992 (MQSA) and FDA's regulations. You are responsible for investigating and determining the causes of the deficiencies that the inspection identifies and promptly initiate permanent corrective actions.

If you fail to promptly correct this deficiency, FDA may, without further notice, initiate regulatory action. Under MQSA, FDA may:

- Impose civil money penalties on a facility of up to \$10,000 for each failure to substantially comply with, or each day of failure to substantially comply with, the Standards.
- Suspend or revoke a facility's FDA certificate for failure to comply with the Standards.
- Seek an injunction in federal court to prohibit any mammography activity that constitutes a serious risk to human health.

Within 15 working days after receiving this letter, you should notify FDA in writing of:

- The specific steps you have taken to correct all of the violation noted in this letter;
- Each step your facility is taking to prevent the recurrence of similar violation;
- Sample records that demonstrate proper record keeping procedures related to quality control.

If your facility is unable to complete the corrective action within 15 working days, you should state the reason for the delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed.

Please send the original copy of your response to:


R. Terry Bolen
MQSA Compliance Officer
Food and Drug Administration
6751 Steger Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45237-3097

Also, please send a copy to the State radiation control office:

Ms. Allison Sincek
Ohio Department of Health
246 N. High St., 5th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

If you have any questions regarding this letter or how to ensure you are meeting MQSA standards, please call R. Terry Bolen at (513) 679-2700, extension 138.

Sincerely yours,


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